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REPORT

OF THE

GLASGOW CONFERENCE

OF THE

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

OF

LATTER-DAY SAINTS,

HELD IN THE

MECHANICS' INSTITUTION HALL, CANNING STREET, CALTON, GLASGOW,

31st DECEMBER, 1854, and 1st JANUARY, 1855.

EDWARD MARTIN, President.
JOHN G. LYNCH, Secretary.

GLASGOW.—MDCCCLV.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GLASGOW CONFERENCE,

For the Half-Year Ending 31st December, 1854.

Name of Branch.	Name of President.	Elders.	Priests.	Teachers.	Deacons.	Members.	Total.	Baptised.	Received by Letter from Branches in Conference.	Received by letter from Branches out of Conference.	Removed out of Conference.	Removed to Branches in Conference.	Emigrated.	Excommunicated.	Dead.	Scattered.
Glasgow, ...	Montgomery,	33	27	29	8	603	700	36	14	22	3	13	8	34	8	142
Airdrie, ...	Baxter, ...	5	5	4	1	27	42	1	1	2	0	2	0	6	0	2
Holytown,.....	Gourlay, ...	9	3	5	1	63	81	10	3	2	9	5	14	2	2	10
Rutherglen,.....	Hutcheson,...	6	3	3	2	45	59	9	7	2	2	2	4	5	0	4
Tollcross, ...	M'Fadyen, ...	2	1	2	0	23	28	9	0	0	2	6	0	4	0	0
Paisley,.....	Granger,.....	3	5	4	3	98	113	8	4	0	1	2	0	0	1	5
Greenock,.....	Welsh, ...	7	4	5	1	64	81	8	8	1	5	1	17	4	2	20
Kilbirnie,.....	Jardine,.....	3	2	2	0	32	39	3	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	2
Pollokshaws, ...	Taylor,.....	3	2	2	1	23	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Johnstone, ...	Thornton,.....	2	1	1	1	40	45	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Kirkintilloch, ..	Shaw, ...	5	6	5	0	34	50	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	2
Vale of Leven,.	Meiklejohn,...	2	2	2	1	26	33	4	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	5
Dalry, ...	M'Keith, ...	5	4	0	1	26	36	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	6
Lanark,.....	Donaghie,.....	4	4	0	1	25	34	0	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	2
Knightswood, ..	Cunningham,	7	6	3	1	54	71	0	2	4	1	5	3	2	0	2
Auchinearn,.....	Allan, ...	3	1	2	3	38	47	8	4	0	0	0	6	2	1	5
Barrhead, ...	Sproul, ...	3	2	2	0	27	34	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Bailieston,.....	Anderson,.....	2	1	1	1	11	16	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	1
	Total, ...	104	79	72	26	1259	1540	107	51	35	24	47	60	65	19	208

FINANCIAL REPORT,

For the Half-Year Ending 31st December 1854.

Name of Branch.	Paid to Conference Fund.	Paid to P. E. Fund.	Given to various Elders.	Temple Fund Donations.	Paid to Pastor's Fund.	Donated to President Martin.	Fast Day Donations	Total for all Purposes.
Glasgow, ...	10 15 3	1 5 0	2 19 1½	33 6 9½	6 11 3½	13 4 0	0 0 0	68 1 5½
Airdrie, ...	1 14 0	0 0 0	2 10 5	8 14 0	1 0 8	0 0 0	0 0 0	13 19 1
Holytown,.....	1 19 1	3 11 7	2 19 0	10 10 7	1 4 6	0 9 0	0 10 6	21 4 3
Rutherglen, ...	1 4 8	0 0 0	1 11 1	3 16 5	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 12 2	7 4 4
Tollcross, ...	1 0 6	0 0 0	1 11 6	4 10 0	0 8 9	0 9 0	0 9 3	8 9 0
Paisley, ...	2 9 7	0 0 0	1 18 6	5 5 1	1 13 5	0 0 0	0 7 6	11 14 1
Greenock,..	1 18 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	15 4 6½	0 7 6½	0 0 0	0 7 10½	18 17 11½
Kilbirnie, ...	0 19 9	0 0 0	0 18 6	5 14 6	0 11 0	0 0 0	0 6 6	8 10 3
Pollokshaws, ...	0 16 11	0 0 0	0 16 0	5 1 0	0 2 9	0 0 0	0 0 0	6 16 8
Johnstone, ...	0 14 7	0 11 2	1 17 6½	1 5 2	0 8 7	0 0 0	0 0 0	4 17 0½
Kirkintilloch,...	1 1 9	0 0 0	0 17 6	6 4 0	0 10 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	8 13 3
Vale of Leven,.	0 14 0	0 0 0	1 2 1	0 6 0	0 9 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	2 11 1
Dalry, ...	1 8 0	0 6 0	0 18 0	0 8 0	0 10 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	3 10 0
Lanark,.....	0 5 0	0 0 0	0 8 3	0 4 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 17 4
Knightswood,...	1 15 4	0 2 6	1 2 9	10 19 2	1 9 4	0 0 0	0 15 6	16 4 7
Auchinearn,.....	1 16 2	0 4 6	2 17 4	11 1 6	0 16 6	1 4 0	0 0 0	18 0 0
Barrhead,.	1 0 2	0 0 0	0 15 0	2 11 11	0 0 0	0 2 6	0 3 0	4 12 7
Bailieston, ...	0 7 11	0 4 0	0 0 0	0 13 0	0 9 6	0 0 0	0 0 0	1 14 5
Total, ...	32 0 9	6 4 9	26 2 7	125 15 8	*16 12 10	15 8 6	3 12 3½	225 17 4½

* The Pastors' Fund this Quarter amounted only to £9 4s. 0d., but the Presidents of Branches afterwards voted them £20, which has been paid them before leaving.

ADDRESS.

Beloved Brethren and Sisters,—In publishing the present Report, I am desirous, as far as I am able, to present before you the business of the Conference, and to give you a statement of our past labours and present condition. In referring to our past labours, I cannot omit expressing feelings of gratitude to my brethren and sisters throughout the Conference, for the hearty co-operation which they have rendered. It is with pleasure I look back on the past, being satisfied that every measure which we adopted met the approbation of the Saints in general, and have been fully carried out. As an instance of this, I may mention that one year ago last July, I called upon the Saints to donate one-tenth of their income to the Temple Fund. It seemed hard to some, but a great many did it, and we realized that quarter the sum of £190 18s. 7d., and for all purposes that quarter £269 11s. Again, in the corresponding quarter of last year, ending Sept. 30th, 1854, there was donated to the Temple Fund alone, £123 19s. 7d. I mention these items to show with what cheerfulness the Saints carried out our desires; I am also happy to be able to report the book agency in such a good condition. The branches generally have done well in this matter last quarter. The agent's hands have been lightened of the dead stock, and the branches of much debt. This has enabled us to place the book agency on a pretty clear footing, and I must say for Brother Kirkwood, our book agent, he has my approbation. I have always found him strictly correct in his accounts, and careful of his business. I have generally been at the auditing of his books, which always proved satisfactory to me.

It is also a source of satisfaction to me, that the branch records have all been re-written, and the correct plan recommended by President F. D. Richards has been adopted: for this service we are indebted to Brothers Patrick and John Lynch, who have also served the Conference long and faithfully as clerks. Beloved Saints, it is with much pleasure I look on the many pleasing associations which we have formed with each other, during the two years that are past; indeed, to me they are associations which will never be forgotten. When I came into your midst, called upon by my superiors, to preside over you, you received me as Saints of God always receive his servant, with kindness and hospitality; and in return for this I have always endeavoured to walk before my Heavenly Father, so as not only to secure his smile and approbation, but also that I might be a blessing to you in all my ministrations. God has been with us and blessed us, and to his name be all the praise for ever. And now that I am called to labour in another sphere, I rejoice in being able to hand over this Conference to my successor in as good or perhaps a better state than it has been in for some years. The Conference has paid off considerable private debts during the last two years, and I would here say, to the credit of Brother Archibald, of Barrhead, that he made a present of £7 to the Conference, which it owed him. And now, in conclusion, I would call upon the Saints to extend to my successor, Elder Granger, the same support they extended to me, in doing this they shall be blessed; and inasmuch as you buoy up Elder Granger by your faith, prayer, and means, as he shall stand in need, he will be made a blessing to you; he is a good

and faithful man, and one whom the Lord will strengthen to do a good work. Finally, brethren and sisters, I pray that Heaven's choicest blessings may be extended towards you continually, which I ask in the name of Jesus.—Amen.

GLASGOW CONFERENCE MEETING,

Dec. 30th, 1854.

The Delegates met as usual in the side room of the Institution, on Saturday evening, Dec. 30th, to report their various Branches. The clerk, after reading a letter of apology from President Martin, who was detained in Liverpool with the emigrants, and saw no probability of his being present, proposed that Pastor Carrigan preside over the Meeting—carried. The delegates then proceeded to report their Branches and pay in their monies for the several funds, after which the Meeting adjourned till 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

Sunday Morning, 31st Dec., 11 o'Clock.

Meeting opened by singing the Hymns on the 22d page. Whilst singing this Hymn, Elder Martin arrived from Liverpool; his appearance so unexpectedly caused a feeling of unbounded satisfaction and pleasure to pervade the vast assemblage; joy seemed to beam on every countenance as he ascended the stand. After prayer by Elder Walter Granger, it was resolved that Elder Martin preside. Resolved, That Brother John Lynch be clerk, and that Elder Patrick Lynch be reporter.

President Martin then came forward and expressed the satisfaction he derived from being present on the occasion. He said, "It is but a few hours since I left Liverpool, and hope the Saints will excuse me this morning if my toilet is not in good order, as I am come direct from the train. I am sorry that my detention in Liverpool prevents me from presenting before you the business of the Conference in detail; however, as we are about to print a Report, you will there have all matters fully brought before you connected with the Conference for the half-year that is past. President Martin then gave an account of the cause of his delay in Liverpool, the condition and circumstances of the emigrants who were detained in Liverpool on account of the accident to the ship "Helios;" at the same time, warning the Saints who would be emigrating in future, to beware of impostors, whose business it was to impose on emigrants. He then called upon Elder Grant to address the Meeting.

Pastor G. D. Grant—I am glad this morning to meet with the Saints in Conference assembled, and my heart is filled with joy and rejoicing to see Elder Martin amongst us to-day. I was happily disappointed when he made his appearance amongst us this morning, and am much pleased with the detail given by him relative to the emigrants, whose interests he was looking after. By giving heed to what instructions he has given you, you can learn how to get along yourselves. We have seen how the Saints have got to pass through privations that they may appreciate the blessings conferred upon them when they get to the Vallies of the Mountains. It is right that the Saints should be called to endure sufferings, otherwise they would not enjoy the blessings of God when they are poured out upon them, and I know that if the Saints are humble and retain the

Spirit of God, they will not sink under privations however severe; and then when they have passed through them they can and will enjoy the society of God's servants on the earth, even of President Young and his associates; but if we let our feelings become mean we lose these privileges. I appreciate the privilege I enjoy of meeting with you here this morning. Here on the stand I behold some of my brethren from Zion, who are bound to us by ties of the strongest nature; yes, ties that are stronger than death can break. To the Saints I would say, Live up to the principles taught you in this land, and in so doing you will be recommended to the servants of God in Zion, who will take you by the hand and confer blessings on you. You will then realize that it is good to have men over you who can recommend you well to the Lord and his servants, so that you can enter into the Lord's house and get your endowments. Then you can rejoice and know it is good to have the Spirit of the Lord to illuminate your paths, so that you can walk in safety whilst the nations of the earth are trembling. It is necessary that the Saints should lean upon the Lord for support, that he may shield you in the hour of danger, and I would impress upon you that one of the most essential things for you to observe, is to remember the widow, and the fatherless, the sick, and the poor, so that none may be left to suffer; then you can call with confidence on the Lord for his blessings.

I have enjoyed myself well with the Scottish Saints whilst in their midst. I had good reports given me of them by Presidents F. D. and S. W. Richards, and it affords me much pleasure to find the Saints in this country are a warm-hearted, good people, and I feel to say "God bless you" all the time, and get you safely to Zion.—Amen.

TWO P.M.

Meeting again called to order by singing and prayer.

President MARTIN—I am thankful to have the privilege of meeting with so many of you as are here assembled to-day. I am not in a hurry to get through with the Conference, as we will have to-morrow to do some of our business. I will here say that in one sense I am sorry to be called to go away from you. It is only two weeks since I left here for Liverpool, and I have found, during these two weeks absence, it will be hard for me to wean my feelings from this people. But knowing it to be my duty to go where I am sent, enables me to overcome my feelings, and part from you, otherwise I could not bring my feelings to do it. I do not know what your feelings are to me, but these are mine toward you. This is the first Conference I have been called to preside over, and this may in a measure account for my feeling towards you, and in connection with this I always found the Saints in this country willing to bless me, and my brethren who were associated with me. This is enough, I find it would not do to dwell on this subject. I can say that I have laboured amongst you with the greatest pleasure, and always felt satisfied with the brethren who were associated with me from time to time. All things have gone off well in this Conference, and I believe the people are all satisfied. The Conference is in as good, or probably a better state than when I received it, and I have pleasure in handing it over as it is to my successor, Elder Granger.

The following Resolutions were unanimously passed :—

1st,—That we sustain and uphold President Brigham Young as President, Prophet, Seer, and Revelator to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in all the world.

2nd,—That we sustain Heber C. Kimball, and Jedediah M. Grant, as his Councillors.

3rd,—That we sustain John Smith as Presiding Patriarch.

4th,—That we sustain the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, with Orson Hyde, their President.

5th,—That we sustain F. D. Richards as the President of the Church in the British Isles and adjacent countries.

6th,—That we sustain Elder Daniel Spencer as his Councillor.

7th,—That we accept of the labours of Pastors Carrigan and Grant, and express our confidence in them as servants of God.

8th,—That we accept of the appointment of Elder Bunker to the Pastoral charge of the Scottish Conferences.

9th,—That we accept the labours of Elder Edward Martin as President of the Glasgow Conference, and that we by our united vote express our approbation of the course pursued by him during his Presidency.

10th,—That we accept of the appointment of Elder Walter Granger to the Presidency of the Glasgow Conference.

11th,—That we accept of the labours of Brother John Lynch as Conference clerk, and that we give him a vote of thanks for the services he has rendered the Conference.

12th,—That we sustain Brother Robert Kirkwood as Book and Star Agent, also as Treasurer for the Temple Fund for this Conference.

13th,—That we accept of the labours of Elder William J. Anderson as Treasurer for the Perpetual Emigration Fund.

14th,—That Elder John Gray succeed Elder Anderson, as Treasurer for the Perpetual Emigration Fund.

15th,—That we sustain Elder Patrick Lynch, as a Travelling Elder in the Glasgow Conference.

16th,—That we sustain all the Presidents of the various Branches.

Elder Martin. "I am satisfied with the labours of Elder Lynch. Whilst in the Glasgow Conference before, he had done a good work, and was always on hand to do as he was counselled, and this is the kind of a man that will be blessed. Some of the Saints were disposed to find fault with Brother Lynch, but I wish it understood that I want to hear no more of it. Elder Lynch has been a blessing to the people in times past, and I want the Saints to sustain him and bless him."

During the services of the day the meeting was addressed by Pastor Carrigan, Elders J. D. Ross, James Ferguson (President of the Irish Mission), Thos. Lyon, Joseph Boath, James Chalmers, and Paul Gourlay, who all spoke relative to the present position of the work on the earth and their feelings regarding the same.

Monday Morning, 11 o'clock, January 1st, 1855.

Meeting opened by singing and prayer.

President Martin—" I feel happy again to meet so many of you, but I must say I expected more of the Glasgow Saints out than are this morning, perhaps they are preparing for the evening. I am glad this morning

to meet you at the commencement of another year. I recollect when we met last year, what we said we would do, and I am glad we can now look back and say we have accomplished all. I know we have done the best we could in the year that is past, and that we can look back with feelings of satisfaction. I know the Lord is pleased with us, if it were not so we would have remorse of conscience. I feel thankful this morning that I am calm and composed and enjoy the Spirit of God. You have all done well the past year, but you can go now and try and do better the year we have entered on, and God will bless you inasmuch as you continue to work the work of righteousness."

The Statistical and Financial Report was read, also the Book Agent's Accounts, after which President Martin expressed his satisfaction at the state of the Book Agency, and then (by request of his successor, President Granger) proceeded to make the following changes in connection with the Conference :—

Elder Robert Salmon	was	appointed	to	succeed	Elder Sproul	in	the	presidency of	Barrhead Branch.
" Archibald Steel	"	"	"	"	Hutchison	"	"	" Rutherglen	"
" Archibald M'Phail	"	"	"	"	Walsh	"	"	" Greenock	"
" James Murray	"	"	"	"	Granger	"	"	" Paisley	"
" Thomas Forrest.	"	"	"	"	Meiklejohn	"	"	" Vale of Leven	Branch.
" Archibald Morton	"	"	"	"	Jardine	"	"	" Kilbirnie	"

Resolved, On motion of President Martin that the Baillieston Branch be disorganised and be united with the Tollcross Branch.

Glasgow City Branch was then divided into the following District Branches :—

Resolved, That the Bridgeton, Calton, Parkhead, and Gallowgate districts be organised into a Branch to be called the Calton Branch, and that Elder John Bell preside over it.

Resolved, That the centre districts be organised into a Branch to be called the Glasgow Branch, and that Elder John Gray preside over it.

Resolved, That the Cowcaddens, Townhead, and Anderston districts be organised into a Branch to be called the Cowcaddens Branch, and that Elder Robert Sands preside over it.

Resolved, That the Gorbals districts be organised into a Branch to be called the Gorbals Branch, and that Elder Thomas Stewart preside over it.

Resolved, That these four Branches meet on the Sabbath in the Mechanics' Institution Hall, and that Elder Arthur Maxwell preside over the meetings in the Hall.

President Martin wished the Saints properly to understand the duties of Elder Maxwell: he was to preside over the Hall Meeting, to look after the Financial Affairs of the Hall, and call upon any one he choose to preach during meeting, but he is not to interfere with any of the business of the Branches. The Branch Presidents were only responsible to the President of the Conference. The collection in the Hall for the poor to be placed in the hands of a Treasurer, to be dealt out to the poor of the four Branches as wisdom dictated. In all matters of intricacy the Treasurer to consult with President Granger.

Resolved on motion, That Brother M'Murrin be Treasurer for the Poor's Fund. President Martin then called upon the various Branch Presidents to get up a collection in their Branches to aid the Foreign Missions.

Resolved on Motion, That we accept the labours of Elder William Montgomery during his Presidency of the Glasgow Branch.

Elders Lynch, Ross, Ferguson, Granger, and Grant, expressed their feelings and the joy they felt during the proceedings of the Conference.

MONDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The Saints assembled at 7 o'clock, and partook of a suitable tea: during the evening Elder Lynch, in behalf of the committee of arrangements for the Soiree, presented President Martin with a Plaid and Bonnet. Elder Ferguson next presented Pastors Carrigan and Grant with a Plaid and Bonnet each—the Brethren, in an appropriate manner, acknowledged the kindness, and gave expression to their good feeling to the Scottish Saints. The Saints enjoyed themselves well on the occasion, and the Spirit of God seemed to reign in every bosom.

Expenditure of Conference Fund

For the Half Year ending 31st Dec., 1854.

Total amount collected during the half year, £32 0 9

Expended as follows:—

To amount due the Treasurer,	4	10	4½			
" Board, Lodging, &c., for Elders Carrigan, Grant, and Martin,	16	19	0			
" Stationery and Postage Stamps,	2	8	0			
" Clerk's Expenses,	0	10	0			
" Clothing for Elder Martin,	6	13	0			
" Clothing for Elder Drennan,	2	5	0			
" Paid to Do. Do.	1	7	6			
" Travelling to London and back, and Expenses while there,	5	0	0			
" Travelling to Liverpool twice during Emigration,	5	7	4			
" Commission for Bank Cheques,	0	16	5	£45	16	7½
Leaves due the Treasurer,				13	15	10½

Visiting Elders' Fund.

Conference Collection, 1st Oct.	2	15	0			
" " 31st Dec.	2	9	6½			
Fast Day, "	5	16	2¾			
				11	0	9¼
Paid to Visiting Elders,				11	0	9¼

Book Agent's Accounts.

Due the Office in Liverpool,				£42 19 5½

List of Branch Debts.

Glasgow,	0	6	9
Calton,	0	18	6
Dalry,	2	3	4½
Lanark,	3	9	7
Johnstone,	0	15	7
Rutherglen,	0	12	9
Kirkintilloch,	0	7	
			11½
Stock on hand,	2[illegible]	1[illegible]	9¾
Cash on hand,	4	11	8¼
			£42 19 5½

Audited by { PATRICK LYNCH, JOHN G. LYNCH.

ADDRESSES.

PASTOR—EDWARD BUNKER, 41 Charlotte Street, Glasgow.

PRESIDENT of CONFERENCE—WALTER GRANGER, 41 Charlotte Street, Glasgow.

PRESIDENTS of BRANCHES.

Airdrie.—Henry Baxter, Main's Land, Alexander Street, Airdrie.
Auchinearn.—John Allen, Miner, Auchinearn.
Barrhead.—Robert Salmon, Printer, Grahamstown, Barrhead.
Calton.—John Bell, 165 Upper Crown Street, Hutchesontown, Glasgow.
Cowcaddens.—Robert Sands, 18 Anne Street, Cowcaddens, Glasgow.
Dalry —Peter M'Keith, Drakemyre, by Dalry.
Glasgow.—John Gray, 41 Charlotte Street, Glasgow.
Greenock.—Archibald M'Phail, Shoemaker, Ladie's Land, Chapel Lane, Port-Glasgow.
Gorbals.—Thomas Stewart, 42 Rose Street, Hutchesontown, Glasgow.
Holytown—Paul Gourlay, Wright, Old Carnbroe, Holytown.
Johnstone.—John Thornton, William Street, Johnstone.
Kirkintilloch,—William E. Shaw, Stirling's Land, Crosshill Street, Lennoxtown.
Kilbirnie.—Archibald Morton, Miner, Kilbirnie.
Knightswood.—Robert Cunningham, Netherton Quarry, by Maryhill.
Lanark.—Andrew King, Miner, Carluke.
Paisley —James Murray, 5 Bridge Street, Newtown, Paisley.
Pollokshaws.—Thomas G. Taylor, Painter, King Street, Pollokshaws.
Rutherglen.—Archibald Steel, Miner, Newton, by Cambuslang.
Tolcross.—Lauchlin M'Fadyn, Labourer, Tolcross.
Vale of Leven.—Thomas Forrest, Jamestown, by Bonhill.